

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2678

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 8670.54 of the Government Code, relating to oil spills.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2678, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Oil spills: Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee.

Existing law, the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, governs oil spill prevention and response within the state. Existing law also establishes the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee to provide public input and independent judgment of the actions of the administrator for oil spill response. The committee is composed of 10 members and the Governor is required to appoint as one of these members a person who has worked in state government.

This bill would instead require the Governor to appoint a member who is a faculty member of the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis or the Director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8670.54 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8670.54. (a) The Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee,
- 4 hereafter in this article the committee, is hereby established to

1 provide public input and independent judgment of the actions of
2 the administrator. The committee shall consist of 10 members, of
3 whom six shall be appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker
4 of the Assembly, and two by the Senate Rules Committee. The
5 appointments shall be made in the following manner:

6 (1) The Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Rules Committee
7 shall each appoint members who shall be representatives of the
8 public.

9 (2) The Governor shall appoint a member who has a
10 demonstrable knowledge of marine transportation.

11 (3) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules
12 Committee shall each appoint a member who has demonstrable
13 knowledge of environmental protection and the study of
14 ecosystems.

15 (4) The Governor shall appoint a member who has served as a
16 local government elected official or who has worked for a local
17 government.

18 (5) The Governor shall appoint a member who has experience
19 in oil spill response and prevention programs.

20 (6) The Governor shall appoint a member who has been
21 employed in the petroleum industry.

22 (7) The Governor shall appoint a member who ~~has worked in~~
23 ~~state government~~ *is a faculty member of the Karen C. Drayer*
24 *Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis or the Director of the Oiled*
25 *Wildlife Care Network.*

26 (8) The Governor shall appoint a member who has demonstrable
27 knowledge of the dry cargo vessel industry.

28 (b) The committee shall meet as often as required, but at least
29 twice per year. Members shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100)
30 per day for each meeting and all necessary travel expenses at state
31 per diem rates.

32 (c) The administrator and any personnel the administrator
33 determines to be appropriate shall serve as staff to the committee.

34 (d) A chairman and vice chairman shall be elected by a majority
35 vote of the committee.

36 ~~(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2012.~~